

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Province of La Union Municipality of Agoo





EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19

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AN ORDER CREATING GUIDELINES AND INTENSIFIED PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, LA UNION IN CONSONANCE WITH PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR ENHANCED COMMUNITY OUARANTINE OVER THE ENTIRE LUZON.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern due to alarming cases tallied worldwide and later declared a PANDEMIC due to a series of widespread community transmission cases among nations of the world;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) declared COVID-19 as Code Red Sublevel II due to recorded local transmission in the country;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 922 of President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE declared the entire nation under Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, said Presidential Proclamation capacitated all LGUs to immediately act and institute preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, series of directives and orders from the DOH, DILG and other government agencies were issued to strengthen measures on COVID-19 prevention;

WHEREAS, the provincial government, regional/provincial inter-agency task force and the municipality have also issued series of statements/directives to the public to further strengthen the orders of the national government against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, a community quarantine and lockdown in the National Capital Region (NCR) was instituted wherein affected individuals have returned to their respective hometowns;

WHEREAS, Executive Order from President Rodrigo R. Duterte ordered an Enhanced Community Quarantine for Luzon effective March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, there is a need to further intensify the LGU's campaign and precautionary/preventive measures to contain COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, STEFANIE ANN Y. ERIGUEL, M.D., Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Agoo, La Union, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- 1. Reiterating the excerpts of the above-mentioned Presidential Executive Order as follows:
 - Classes and all school activities in all levels shall be suspended from March 17 until April 14, 2020.
 - b. Mass gatherings shall be prohibited.
 - c. A strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households; movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities; provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated.
- d. Only one (1) family member is allowed to leave the household to buy food, medicines and other basic necessities.
 - e. There will be a heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures. Checkpoints will be established at identified entry points of the municipality, to be manned primarily by the PNP.



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f. Only those private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e., public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities shall be open.

g. In such open establishments, their respective managements shall ensure the adoption of a strict skeletal workforce to support operations, as well as strict social

distancing measures.

Export-oriented industries shall remain operational, subject to the condition that strict social distancing measures are observed, their respective personnel are provided appropriate temporary accommodation arrangements by March 18, 2020, and that a skeletal work force shall be implemented.

For purposes of the foregoing, transit to and from the above establishments anywhere within the are covered by the Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be allowed. Security personnel of the establishments within the quarantine area are

likewise allowed to travel therein.

h. Mass public transport facilities (bus, mini bus, UV express, jeeps, tricycles) shall be suspended.

i. Land, air and sea travel shall be restricted.

i. Shopping malls are ordered to close for the duration of executive order.

k. Restaurants can only accept take-home and delivery services. Dine-in is strictly prohibited.

Students on On-the-Job Training (OJT) are no longer required to report.

m. Public playgrounds, basketball courts, beaches, and public parks will be closed.

2. In compliance with the advisory of the DILG dated March 10, 2020 (Postponement of Activities Relative to the Threat of COVID-19), all concerned shall cancel or postpone all activities that will involve gathering people in a crowd, regardless of size. This includes meetings, seminars, workshops, conduct of fiestas, social gatherings, weddings, baptisms, birthdays, reunions and other related events.

. Funeral wakes shall be held for not more than four (4) days. Number of attendees should

be limited to ten persons at time.

- 4. The Municipal Siren will alarm every two (2) hours starting at 7:00 AM to signal simultaneous proper handwashing of all residents, effective March 18, 2020. Aside from that, the DOH's recommendation to practice sanitation and preventive measures on social distancing, proper etiquette in coughing/sneezing, and regular cleaning of households and workplace is hereby advised and reiterated.
- 5. All persons within Agoo with domestic and overseas travel history (from places with COVID-19 confirmed cases) shall submit themselves for home quarantine and follow the DOH algorithm for patients with possible COVID-19 infection. They are to be monitored by the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) and the Municipal Health Office. In case of resistance or non-compliance, the LGU will coordinate with police authority for assistance, as this is a public health and safety concern. The Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams are activated and they are to guide the persons under monitoring.

a. Alert the BHERTs to inform them of your arrival

b. Submit travel details to BHERTs and undergo monitoring of body temperature



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c. Submit to 14 day self-quarantine and regular monitoring by the BHERTs

d. Comply with recommendations made by the BHERTs, Municipal Health Office with regard to hospital confinement, if necessary

6. For the Agoo Hypermarket operations, the following must be followed:

a. Controlled entrance and exit to conduct precautionary measures like checking of body temperature and use of alcohol or sanitizers. Persons with detected body temperature reaching 37.8 degrees shall be prohibited from entering the market premises and shall be directed to a holding area for proper monitoring with the assistance of a health professional.

b. Sellers/Merchandisers from places outside Agoo are temporarily prohibited from

selling their goods during market days (Tuesdays & Sundays).

c. Persons who have identified symptoms are advised to stay at home and do self-

quarantine until well.

 Stay calm and await further announcements and directives of the Office of the President, health department and other national and local agencies. Rest assured, the Municipality of Agoo is taking all precautionary measures necessary to prevent the incidence and spread of COVID-19.

Section 2. REPEALING CLAUSE. Previous issuance or any portion thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this Executive Order are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any section or provision of this Executive Order is declared void, ineffective or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding of such section or provision to be void or invalid for any cause whatsoever shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining sections and provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

upon the date hereof and shall remain in effect until rescinded, repealed or amended.

SO ORDERED.

March 17, 2020, Agoo, La Union.

STEFANIE ANN Y. ERIGUEL, M.D.
Municipal Mayor